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THREE CHRISTMAS PLAYS ON SUNDAY EVENING IN COMMONS

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Dramatic Class To Give Annual Christmas Play

Presentations of Nativity, Holiday In England Are Featured

Choir on Program

Choral Society Will Augment Players With Songs Of Yuletide

The Choir and the Class in Dramatic Interpretation will present three Christmas pantomimes in the Hall of Commons Sunday evening.

This pageant, an annual feature of the Christmas season at Hamilton, has been written and will be acted by the undergraduates comprising the dramatic class. Mrs. William H. Cowley, Mrs. Otto K. Liedke, and Mrs. Robert G. Miner will take the feminine roles in the productions.

The Choir will sing appropriate selections during the stage action and in the intermissions.

The First Pantomime

Part One: The Shepherds in the Fields

Part Two: At the Manger

Anthony K. Pomilio, Edward A. Williford, Anthony E. Sega, Thomas W. Bushnell, Ruth Benton Liedke, Thomas J. McAndrews.

The Second Pantomime

The Coming of the Magi

Robert N. Small, George F. Nevin, Ralph A. Nichols, Antoinette Tubini Miner, William M. MacLenathan, Bernard F. Maloy, Reginald W. Page, Donald E. Nichols, Herbert S. Crumb.

The Third Pantomime

Christmas in Old England

The host, Robert A. Rutherford.

The hostess, Jean McCampbell Cowley.

Their sons, Harold V. Caldwell, Edward A. Williford.

Bearers of the Yule log, Anthony E. Sega, Arthur H. Applegate, Wesley W. Perine Anthony E. Pomilio.

Bearers of the boar's head, Thomas W. Bushnell, Alphonse S. Kaufman, Thomas J. McAndrews.

The trumpeters, Richard F. Griffith, Frederick A Deyo, Chalmers Dale, Malin B. Shaw.

The waits, Anthony A Schepsis, William Henderson, Thomas F. O'Donnell, Thomas H. Young.

'No Moral Neutrality,' Declares Dean Hough

"There is no such thing as moral neutrality; the church must call right right and wrong wrong", Dr. Lynn Harold Hough, dean of Drew Theological Seminary, Madison, New Jersey, declared in Sunday's chapel service.

Dean Hough stated that while the church can never bless war as the instrument of unethical aggression, there are times when the sword must be unsheathed in defense of inalienable rights.

The preacher called for a synthesis of patriotism and religion as a single loyalty and charged that those who would separate the two contribute to making life poorer in every way.

"The integration of patriotism and religion is a dangerous conception, we need not deny," he warned. "All living and fruitful conceptions are dangerous because they may be tragically misused. The state which claims a living relation to God may forfeit its right to make high claim by asserting divine authority for unchristian ends. Just as liberty requires watchfulness, so Christianity requires a commanding conscience always on guard."

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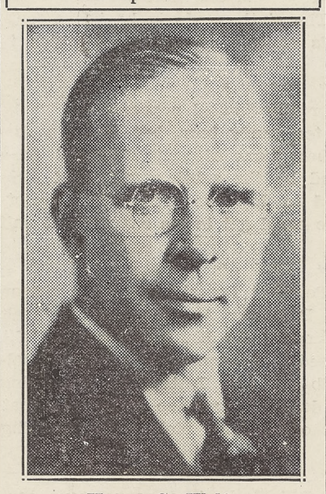

Henry C. Wolfe

Wolfe to Lecture In Chapel Friday

Russia As Key to Europe Will Be Discussed By Authority

Henry C. Wolfe, distinguished author and lecturer, will appear in the Chapel Friday evening to discuss the timely topic: "Russia, the Key to Europe?"

Mr. Wolfe with a background of 22 years experience in foreign study is well qualified to speak on this subject. Among his experiences he numbers reportorial work during the last war, in the more recent Italian and French crises, a year in Russia with the Hoover Commission, and other European assignments.

A frequent contributor to magazines and newspapers, Mr. Wolfe has made uncanny predictions concerning diplomatic coups. He is also the author of several books on similar subjects.

For his work in the field of international relations he has been decorated by six foreign governments.

Carnegie Group Quizzes Seniors

Hamilton seniors were given the day off today to take a series of tests designed by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching. The tests which consumed six hours were given in two shifts—three hours in the morning and three hours in the afternoon.

Of the nine colleges in which these tests will ultimately be given, Hamilton is the first. Results of the individual quizzes will probably be available by January, and it is expected that the grades of each will be released upon individual request.

The tests covered a wide range of subjects in the liberal arts field. Most of the test was taken by everyone, but one section was reserved for the student's choice and covered his major subject.

These tests did not in any way affect the grades of the students. The results are expected to be useful in the college's placement and counselling program.

The senior class was divided into two sections in the taking of these tests. One half of the class met in the Chemistry lecture room, while the other section convened in the Science Building.

History Club Meeting

With Dr. Edward P. Alexander, Curator of the State Historical Building at Cooperstown, as speaker, the History Club will meet tonight at 8 in Emerson Hall.

The topic of Dr. Alexander's talk will be "James Fenimore Cooper—150 Years After". All undergraduates interested are urged to attend.

"College Men Are Lousy Lovers," Says Rochester University Co-ed

(This article written by Harriet Van Horne, '40 for the University of Rochester "Campus" is reprinted here for the benefit of those students in a men's college who might be laboring under the illusions herein so effectively blasted—Ed's Note.)

I never saw a perfect lover. I never hope to see one. But if anyone ever sent me out in search of a Dream Man a college campus would be the last place I'd look.

Not that I don't like college boys. I do. Most of them are pretty decent. But I like them a lot better out of college; say, five years removed from dungarees, crew hair cuts and certain unpleasant habits which I shall enumerate later.

In five years the college man has lost his prep school accent, his puppy dog eagerness over all matters remotely concerned with sex, and his positive opinions on everything from atoms to zithers. He has no burning desire to be a radio crooner, a Shakespearian actor or the mysterious inventor of a mysterious death ray. Having abandoned his pose of worldly cynicism, he no longer makes public recital of his victories on the field of AMOUR. And, praise God, harsh reality has reduced his fraternity to its proper place in life—a mere spot on the vest.

House Boys

Due for a dip in a steaming cauldron of oil, to my way of thinking, are the house boys. I mean those lads whose conversation is a series of dull anecdotes centering in "the house." This isn't so bad tete-a-tete, because a gal with her wits about her usually can think of some way to bust up the narrative—or the narrator. But when "the fellas" get together, particularly on campus, talk runs on in this vein as if a grand prize were to be given him who used the words "at the house" the most times in one sentence.

After five years our college man's affection for the Greek letters has cooled somewhat. He is now, to coin a phrase, house broken.

"Smoothies"

As long as all that glitters need not be gold, I suppose the smoothie tradition will persist. Though this noble animal, nobly planned, considers himself unique, he is anything but that. The smoothie can be picked up by the gross on any college campus.

He may be hard to take, but he surely isn't hard to find. He wears hard-heeled shoes and cream-colored gloves, and he has more mannerisms than manners. Gazing contemplatively at his pretty pink fingernails, he will mutter, "God, women are funny." To hear him tell it he began his career of armorous dalliance at the age of four, and has made only one brief pause since, and that to have his tonsils out.

Scorning hats, the smoothie souses his head with barber's lotion every day with the result that he shines like a wet seal on an ice floe and smells like Christmas night in Harlem. He enjoys looking bleary-eyed, brags about his "orgies," and remembers (and recounts) with amazing clarity all the cunning things he did last night.

The smoothie's interest in women is strictly wolfish. He has a certain fascination, however, and even a disheartened frail like me has to admit it. But you can bank on it that the gleam in his eye will always light the way to a darkened corner. His technique, you might say, runs from fascination to unfascination.

The difference five years later isn't much. A "wolf with a sheepskin" is still a wolf. But he has learned one lesson; that gallantry must be more than a pose if it is to pay dividends. In 20 years he will go back to his college ways in a vain attempt to revive the glory that was his under the old elms.

Casanovas

And while we are calling the roll of college cavaliers, let us not forget Reggie. Looking at Reggie you are quite sure his mama and daddy never had improper thought. He is as pure as a day lily. You know it, he knows it, and he knows also that you know it. Yet he will play the lady-killer, he will try to out-Casanova Casanova.

Reggie keeps an address book, well cached in an inside pocket of an inside pocket. He will bring it forth on the slightest provocation, study it with the air of an espionage agent memorizing a new code, and restore it to what appears to be his innermost innards. "Meeting a very hot little number tonight," he will announce. "So if ya don't see me tomorrow ya can just imagine anything and ye won't be wrong. Boy!"

This kind of college lover is usually short in statute. I don't know why, and I'm drawing no conclusions. But he is. And he is too firm with cab drivers and waiters, and he lapses into baby talk when he says goodnight. (Boy!)

Reggie is something of an historian. He doesn't feel he really knows you until he has given you a complete account of his love life. He first asks you, "May I be frank?" Without waiting for an answer he is off—frankly.

Somehow I can't think of Reggie as a Casanova. I'm going to remember him just as he is, with his li'l ole pork-pie hat perched atop his curls, and the li'l ole green feather fluttering in the breeze. Were I to meet him five years from now I'd be glad to see him.

Way down among the remnants in the Lousy Lover Dept., is the

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Senior Contractors Win Over Faculty In Tournament

Senior bridge enthusiasts defeated the faculty for the first time in the history of the tournaments Monday at the Sigma Phi Place.

Led by Gordon Sammis and Farley Fish the undergraduates amassed over 48,000 points. The team of Robert Miner and Willard Parsons were high scorers for the faculty who rolled up a grand total of 44,000 points.

Debaters Travel To Mt. Holyoke

Klosson and McCormick to Support Policy of Third Term

Harry McCormick, Jr. and Boris Klosson, both of the class of '40, will participate in a debate with two women of Mt. Holyoke College, South Hadley, Massachusetts, this Friday.

The two men are upholding the affirmative of the topic "Resolved: That the President should be re-elected for a third term." The debate, which is to be a decision affair, will be run according to the Oregon plan. Under this plan, each first speaker will explain his side's argument for fifteen minutes, and each second speaker will ask and answer questions of the other side. There will be no rebuttal. Klosson will speak first, McCormick second, for Hamilton.

Men's Club Debate

Harry McCormick and Ralph E. Hansmann debated after dinner at the Men's Club of Plymouth Church, Utica, last Friday, on the question "Can the United States keep out of the European War?". Professor Marsh introduced the two men. McCormick argued on the negative, and Hansmann upheld the affirmative side. After the debate, the enthusiastic listeners asked many questions pertinent to the topic.

Ghandi Pacifist Reviews Current Trends In India

"The sun never sets on British soil because it doesn't trust it," said Mr. R. Babu Lai Singh, Indian lecturer, in his address at the Sigma Phi Place last Wednesday night.

After making this statement, Mr. Singh explained it by showing how India has been treated by England in the past, and how she is being treated now. Mr. Singh said that Britain has taken eight divisions from India to use in the present war, against promises made to India by Britain. He also stated that because of this, India is now no longer satisfied with her position.

Hill Sophomore Experiments on Snowless Skiing; If Hedy And Clark Can Do It, Why Can't He?

This year's Indian summer, lasting into the middle of December so far, has kept so many skiers from practicing up for Winter Carnival, and the winter in general, that some scheme for practicing should be devised. The Ski Team has been praying for snow while getting the ski hill into shape for what promises to be its busiest year.

One of the sophomore club members, unable to keep his skis in the attic until the snow came, hit upon the idea of skiing on pine needles. The soph was Richard Cartwright, who won the Winter Carnival ski meet last year. He remembered that pine needles skiing is one of Hollywood's favorite pastimes. And he merely asked himself that if Clark Gable or Hedy LaMarr can do it, why couldn't he? All that is needed is a hill, some pine needles, and no snow. Mr. Cartwright realized that the nearest hill was the one he was on, and that what he needed was pine needles.

The pine forest about a quarter of a mile down the ravine provided the needles, so Cartwright set out with his skis over his shoulder.

He picked out a spot on the hill where a number of trees would make his descent interesting, and after tightening his skis, he shoved off. All went well until he reached a place near the bottom where it was necessary to make a telemark—a turn, to the uninformed. At this point Cartwright went into an as yet unnamed ski maneuver. The needles were slightly wet, and he couldn't cut into them with the edges of his skis to make the telemark. To make it worse, there was a rock right where the skier landed. The rock put an end to the skiing right then, as well as providing cause for a limp for a few days.

At any rate, Cartwright has opened new fields for experimentation whenever there is no snow for the ski team to practice on. It is quite possible that the team could get in some pre-season skiing next year, and so be in better form when the meets come up. A four or five inch thickness of pine needles is needed to make a good run. They must be dry, too. And since it is harder to ski on the needles than on snow, it is easier to ski on the snow when it comes.

Hillmen Will Represent Russia at Model League

Bob Chester Wins In Orchestra Poll

Rapidly Rising Band Has Majority Vote Over Barnet and James

Hamilton College students last Saturday gave Bob Chester first place in the poll for the Third Annual Winter Carnival orchestra. Charlie Barnet and Harry James were second and third choices, respectively.

The Orchestra Committee, headed by Richard W. Goodman, '41, has wired Chester's agency in New York to see if he can be definitely signed up. The committe will know in a few days if the band can come.

The orchestra poll, which was put on by the "Continental and Royal Gaboon" a Hamilton publication, was held in the chapel. The students indicated their preferences by marking their first, second, and third choices on the ballots provided.

Bob Chester enjoys about the same reputation that Glen Miller did when he was signed up last year. He has been rising rapidly during the past few months. At present, Chester is touring the country, and creating quite a sensation every place he goes.

In case Chester can't make it, the committee will try Charlie Barnet and then Harry James.

"No War for Us" Collegians Say

Evanston, Ill.—(ACP)—An all-college peace front, proclaiming "We Don't Want to Fight in Europe" as its slogan, has been organized here by the student newspaper of Northwestern University, and is slowly assuming significance as college editors in all sections of the country join in the movement.

For the past two months, Stanley Frankel, editorial chairman of the Daily Northwestern, has been contacting other colleges, and out of his work the Peace Front has evolved.

In the east, Princeton University students have organized the American Independence League, which includes 23 of the leading eastern universities, and this group is working as one autonomous organization under the national All-College Peace Front. In the far west, UCLA is now sounding out colleges on the coast as Donn Brown, last year's president of UCLA student body and son of movie comedian Joe E. Brown, has been traveling throughout the western states in the capacity of organizing secretary for western states as a third autonomous unit working for the common goal of peace.

The middlewest has quickly responded to the idea, and today 53 of the leading colleges in this section are working under the Peace Front banner.

At present, the women's colleges are being organized by the woman's editor of the Daily Northwestern, and the southern colleges are being approached on the subject.

The purpose of this Peace Front is, as has been stated, to keep this nation out of war. Through campus newspapers it wants to propagandize for peace, pointing out to the 1,350,000 college students that the present war is none of their business, that democracy's dangers lie in this hemisphere, and that they have nothing to gain by fighting.

25 Colleges to Mimic League of Nations At Hobart

KLOSSON TO LEAD

Hamilton Delegation of Six To Have Important Role In Discussion

Representing the Union of Socialist Soviet Republics, a delegation of Hamilton political science students is slated to play a major role in the 14th annual Model League of Nations Assembly at Hobart, March 28-30.

The assignment of Russia to Hamilton together with the election of Boris H. Klosson, '40, as President of the League Council was announced by the Continuation Committee Tuesday following a meeting in New York City.

Veterans of Model League meetings point to the break in seniority tradition marked by the committee's action in giving Russia to Hamilton which has not sent a delegation in several years. Ordinarily a new-comer would receive a minor country to represent.

Controlling Voice

Chief reason for permitting Hamilton to enter the big power bracket and thus have a controlling voice in the conference was the fact that Professor Henry Janzen has consented to direct the preparation of Hamilton's delegation. For more than ten years, Dr. Janzen has been conducting research work on contemporary Russian diplomacy.

The delegation's composition includes Harry J. McCormick, '40, Ralph E. Hansmann, '40, George E. Tillman, '42 and Robert Paddock, '42 and Klosson, A junior, filling the required membership of six, is still to be selected.

Klosson as President of the Council will open the three-day session with a speech reviewing the history of the League and then outlining the work of the Con-

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English Board Studies Eye Machine Purchase

The projected purchase of a college ophthalmograph, an instrument to analyze reading speed of the eyes, is currently in the hands of the department of English, Dr. Cowley announced Monday.

The ophthalmograph was shown last week to Dr. Cowley and faculty members by A. C. Roy and S. G. Wolfe, representatives of the American Optical Fund at a demonstration in Root Hall. A description of the instrument appeared in last week's **Life**.

Dr. Cowley stated that he would like to see the opthalmograph used at Hamilton, but added that some practicable use would have to be found before the instrument could be purchased. The cost of the machine is $275.

It is probable that some use will be found for the instrument here, since duplicates of it are used in many other colleges. Typical of these are Mt. Holyoke, Union, Stanford, Harvard, N. Y. U., Ohio State, and Wellesley, to mention but a few.

Since the English department, with its reading work, would be primarily interested in the ophthalmograph, the investigation of the problem was given to this division.

Purchase of the instrument would take place after sanction by the Board of Trustees from the Carnegie Fund, Dr. Cowley added.

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BEFORE IT'S TOO LATE

Life is as valuable as a load of ashes. This seems like a foolishly low price to place upon one's most precious possession, but it represents, unfortunately, the attitude held of late by our Department of Buildings and Grounds. Their negligence in adequately "ashing" the hill road—once or twice is not enough—during recent snowstorms has resulted in several near tragedies involving motorists going to or from the campus.

Typical were the events of last Monday morning. At seven a. m. a lone college truck journeyed up and down the hill once, the workman in back sprinkling a few ashes along the way. An hour later, when the road is most used, the falling snow had completely removed all trace of these efforts. The hill was as slippery as it had been before seven o'clock. Several cars part of the way to the top before their wheels started to spin, were forced to back to the Bristol crossroad to get a fresh start. The bank on the right side of the road was the final resting place of two, unfortunate vehicles. By 9:30 more snow, but no more ashes, had fallen. Shortly thereafter a Buick traveling in second speed at ten miles per hour skidded on the curve in front of the Lambda Chi House, narrowly missed a tree, climbed the steep slope, and then turned over on its side. Only by the presence of mind of the driver was the other occupant of the overturned car, a small child, saved from injury.

We can perhaps endure for a while longer the floods of water which issue from the radiators in Room 4 of Truax, the spray of the indoor waterfall, in Room 1 of the same building, or the spattering from the defective pipe in Room 4 of Root, but those of us who operate autos should not be asked to put our lives at stake every time we drive on College Hill. May we suggest, before a real tragedy occurs, that some of those men who rake leaves so beautifully in the fall, or some of the janitors who sit in the dorm rooms by the hour reading our magazines be put behind a shovel in an ash truck during these stormy days. A human life should be worth at least several loads of ashes.

CHARLATANS COME TO LIFE

On several occasions during the past year we have bemoaned in this column the apparent passing of the Charlatans as an active Hill organization. With no productions during the 1938-39 season, it seemed to us that the end of the trail had been reached. We are happy to report this week, however, that we were wrong. Hamilton's Thespians made a spectacular comeback last Friday evening with the production of "The Petrified Forest."

The choice of Robert Sherwood's play for the initial offering was a particularly happy one. A mixture of melodrama and contemplation on the evils of today, the piece provided smooth and glossy entertainment. In addition, there were several roles which offered excellent means of bringing to light the talents of the 1939 Charlatan members. The capability with which the parts of the garrulous grandfather, the defeated novelist, and the frustrated desert-maid were handled proved that there is still dramatic talent on the Hill although it hasn't had the chance to show itself lately. Equally responsible for the success of the production was the stage crew, which reproduced to an amazing degree the original Broadway set, even to the lunch-room sign reading "Tipping is Un-American. Keep your change."

And so, congratulations, Charlatans, on a neat piece of work. Didn't the reception which last Friday's audience gave you indicate that the college community is eager for more of your offerings?

Charlatans Score In Production Of Sherwood's 'Petrified Forest'

By George L. Barton

Rising from the depths of a year's slumber—a restless slumber marred by nightmarish clashes of directors and players, the Charlatans shook off the choking weeds of inertia by producing "The Petrified Forest", a two act comedy by Robert Sherwood. Under the sparkling direction of Mr. Thomas Johnston, a newcomer to the Charlatans, this play went across with a snap that made an erstwhile dubious audience realize that it had seen some good acting.

The performance of no particular actor was exceptional or dynamic. But the play progressed smoothly, increasing in vigor and intensity to a final-act climax which was powerful. The combination of guns and Gourley offstage during the closing minutes kept a highly keyed audience jumping frequently from their seats.

The scene of this play is a filling station and lunch room on the Arizona desert. Into this colorful but seemingly quiet neighborhood has come a party of dangerous bandits, whose whereabouts is unknown. Gabby Maple (Mrs. Robert Miner), grand-daughter of the filling station owner, is a young girl who wants to see the world. Her mother is in France and writes to her daughter occasionally, and the glamour of Europe attracts Gabby; but the confines of her surroundings force her to remain a waitress in the lunch room.

Out of the desert comes the strange attractive figure of Alan Squier (played by Otis Bigelow), a disillusioned sophisticate on his way to the Petrified Forest—in other words, to self destruction, which is the only answer he can find to a world that seems to have gone mad. He pauses for a brief moment on the brink of eternity to sympathize with the girl's ambition, and decides to allow her to realize it by making her the beneficiary of his life insurance.

When the men who belong in the station have left to attend a Legion meeting, the bandits enter under the leadership of Duke Mantee (played by Gordon Sammis) and take possession; Alan, who has decided to die anyhow, amuses himself by philosophizing to the unimaginative criminals who, in the end, oblige him by putting a bullet into him. Before the desperados leave, the Legionaires return and are forced to lie flat on the floor while the criminals escape. As the Duke breaks for the door, he pumps a shot into Alan's chest. Curtain.

The first act of this comedy seemed to be weighted down somewhat. The reason for this was, perhaps, the casting of Mrs. Miner as Gabby. Mrs. Miner, although she turned in a splendid performance, is too cultured to play the part of a true Gabby Maple. In the long conversation between Alan and Gabby, the girl was too much Alan's intellectual equal. There was not a drastic enough contrast between the two to bring about the desired effect.

Dave Appleton, playing the part of a raw-boned, swaggering cowboy, lifted the tone of action when he roared into the lunch room in search of booze for his gang. Bill Schmidt, acting as a one-time paid football player, punched the action along with his awkward, bear-like love making.

Mrs. Otto Liedke, Wally Wood, and Gordon Sammis carried the second act along rapidly with their contrasting wits and ideas. The entire cast capitalized excellently on a situation which was rich in melodrama—a gangster dominating two rich society people, a football player, a negro chauffeur, an old grandfather, three legionaires, and a disillusioned young man who wishes to be killed for the happiness of an Arizona desert girl. This was by far the best scene of the play.

This production was, in addition to being a success, significant in the discovery of excellent talent in the freshmen class. Seven first year men appeard in "The Petrified Forest", and it is rumored that there are many more experienced actors in the class of '43.

FORUM

To the Editor of **Hamilton Life**

Dear Sir:

We are indeed grateful to the Honor Court for its illuminating epistle in the last issue of **Hamilton Life.** They admit that the Honor System is not working at present; yet the remedy which they propose is completely useless.

The Honor Court maintains that the students have failed to live up to the present situation; most of us agree. And the members of the Court "have taken steps to rectify the lack of support." Is it not plain to them that the amendments which they propose negate the foundations of the Honor System itself? The situation is simply this: Hamilton men can be trusted, or they cannot. If they can, the proposed amendments are unnecessary; if they cannot, the proposed amendments are futile. We are certain of one thing: any Honor Court which, after referring to the present set-up as "a great system, a gentlemen's system where a pledge of honor is involved," any Court which then maintains that the "gentlemen" of Hamilton and their pledges of honor cannot be trusted in the Library and in dormitory rooms—any Court, we say, is either unable to see the true nature of the present situation or unwilling to confess its own inability to find a true solution. The logical conclusion of their method of approach to the present state of affairs would be to erect an effectively patrolled rest-room in the center of the campus, to which the students would be admitted, one by one.

In one other respect we think that the Court has been somewhat negligent in performing its duties. Surely there have been some cases brought before the Court in the past three years—why have not the decisions been made public, as is directed in the Constitution of the Honor System (Art. 4, Sect. 4)? Rumor asserts that the penalties have been extremely lenient. In any case, we think that the pitiless glare of publicity would do much to improve the situation at present.

Our position is this: the Honor System at present is not working—this is generally admitted by all parties concerned. None of us wants the proctor system; but even that, we think, would be preferable to the present scandalous state of hypocritical violation of the pledges of Hamilton men. If the Honor Court can produce proposals which would at least be worthy of serious consideration, we should be glad to hear them. At present, however, they have only demonstrated their lack of insight into the present situation, and their failure to propose any reasonable solution.

Yours,
William E. Griffith, '40
Harry McCormick, '40
Robert Bacon, '40
Gordon R. Payne, '40
Edgar M. Glenn, '40

Alumni Notes

By David H. Beetle

J. Karl Poppe, M.D., '33, having completed an interneship in the New Haven Hospital, took a vacation during November by serving as a ship's physician. On January 1, he returns to the New Haven Hospital as assistant physician and surgeon. The appointment to this position is for two and a half years.

Dr. Grant Selfridge, '86, who is still in the active practice of medicine in San Francisco, continues his investigation of "disturbed nutrition in relation to the diseases of the ear, nose and throat". Three of his articles appeared in 1939 in the Annals of Otology, Rhinology, and Larynology, in which he gives experimental evidence that the cause of eighth nerve atrophy, which has been considered to be unknown, may be regarded as a nutritional deficiency. He finds that this form of deafness has yielded to treatment by the use of a form of Vitamin B. Dr. Selfridge issues his studies from the Harriman Research Laboratories of the Southern Pacific General Hospital.

Dr. James F. Bender, '27, chairman of the department of speech and director of information of the American Speech Correction Association, has been engaged by the National Broadcasting Company to prepare a handbook of pronunciation as a standard for announcers and speakers. From the 15,000 words in his book, Dr. Bender selected about seventy words frequently used and often mispronounced, and published the list in the magazine section of the New York Times for December 3. In the interest of uniformity, Dr. Bender recognizes only one pronunciation, even where good usage sanctions a second.

A son, Lucas Boeve 3rd, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Lucas Boeve, Jr., '31, Bronxville, N. Y. on November 25, 1939.

Miss Nina Struthers, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Wood Struthers, Rye, N. Y., was married to Mr. Lewis Paul Bremer, Jr., '35, in Christ Church, Rye, on November 29. Robert B. Rudd, '09, was best man, and Lloyd P.,'29, and Dr. Kenneth Bremer, '33, and brothers of the bride-groom, Hugh R. Jones, '35, and William E. Weld, '35, were ushers. The bride, a member of the New York Junior League, attended the Westbury School, Middlebury, Conn., and Sarah Lawrence College. Mr. Bremer is a faculty member of the Westminister School, Simsbury.

Miss Frances Harriet Brown, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Brown, Oneonta, N. Y., was married to Mr. Edward Banker Vermilya, '29, on October 9 in Oneonta.

A daughter, Deborah, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Richard T. Barns, '29, on October 1, 1939.

William V. L. Turnbull, '15, is the president of the Community Chest in Binghamton. He has been successful in putting over the top the first drive of the recently organized Chest.

Reverend Charles B. Thompson, '13, conducted the service consecrating the renovated First Presbyterian Church, Hudson, of which he is the pastor.

Herbert Drinkwater, '33, is now president of the Junior-Senior Teachers' Association of the Batavia High School.

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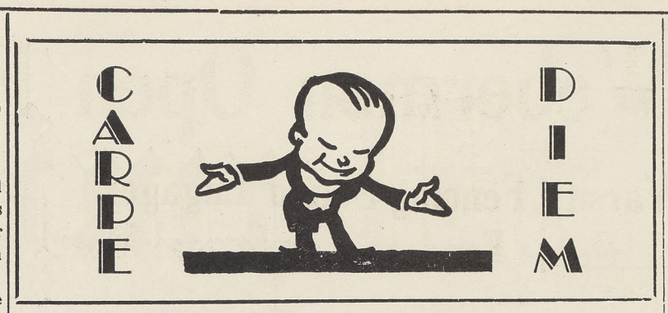

No matter what comes out in the weekly wash, the next week always seems to produce someone who has done the same thing . . . only more so. For instance, "Red Robert" Lammerts with his 14 year old queen is really a piker alongside of Birdlegs Van Deusen, who after an unsuccessful propaganda campaign of letters, called up a Utica beauty, highly recommended by a mutual friend. Only he got the story from her mother, "Well, she hasn't gotten home from school yet this afternoon. The sixth grade is having a 'cutting-and-pasting' contest and she's captain of her team, which is really pretty good for a girl of 11.

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"Pot-Pot" Barden thought he'd really "pulled a peachy" when he hit that Chi Psi punchboard for ten candy bars, but that was before he started eating one of those bars of soap disguised as a Hershey and planted on the stand by the subtle cunning of Arja Adair. Record has it that he had to do some mighty fast sprinting to make the second floor so he could get in his swearing at half rates.

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With all of the shooting in "Petrified Forest", only one person was actually "got" and that was Prompter Art Ward, who wasn't even in the play. He kept prompting "Duke Mantee" Sammis right in the middle of what were supposed to be dramatic pauses til finally Corkey decided on some ad lib revenge. Instead of just firing into space, he got Ward on the dead run, and so accurately that Arthur C. spent most of the rest of the play picking the wadding from the blanks out of his teeth.

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We all were quite delighted at Bill Barlow's announcement concerning the Ski Club, but only a few of the Profs were listening closely enough to wince at the poundy remark, "Each of you will enjoy it for the rest of their lives."

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Quizzes is quizzes, but when it gets so that the Colonel gets to giving the chaps in the advanced courses, it's really time to give up the ghost. A straw vote of opinion was taken following the carnage, somewhat reminiscent of that of Antietam, on whether or not anyone liked it. A peculiar coincidence was noted in the two printable comments, in that both of them said, "No!" This one-to-one correlation" was also observable in the unprintable ones, but not in exact wording.

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The old yell of "Hold the Bell", has kept plenty of the brethren from taking cuts when they've been just a little bit late, but Keefe, Sisson, and Beardslee were trying to make it too much of a good thing when they pulled in from Vassar about ten Sunday night, after all had solemnly state that they'd surely be back in time for chapel.

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Harry Bennett had an awfully nice conversation with friend Rosie the other day until Naylor and Bate started heckling, and then the conversation became alternate periods of soft murmurs into the telephone, and loud yells and swearings at the two with the mouthpiece covered. All went very fine, until he got one of the alternations mixed up, and by the time he noticed it she'd hung up, probably still holding her hands over her ears.

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Lenci was sending a telegram to one of the best of Vassar's prides, under the handle of Ninotchka Zworykan, and thought he'd be really smooth and shoot in some Rooosian. He was reading off the words and spelled out the foreign stuff for the edification of the dumb telegraph man, only to get the remark, "Oh, is that what you mean? trouble is, you've got it spelled wrong." And then, to the strongman's amazement, he got back the right spelling, the meaning, the derivation, and five instances of the usage of each. It seems the telegraph man had come over after the revoloootion, and was a direct descendant of at least 3 Czars.

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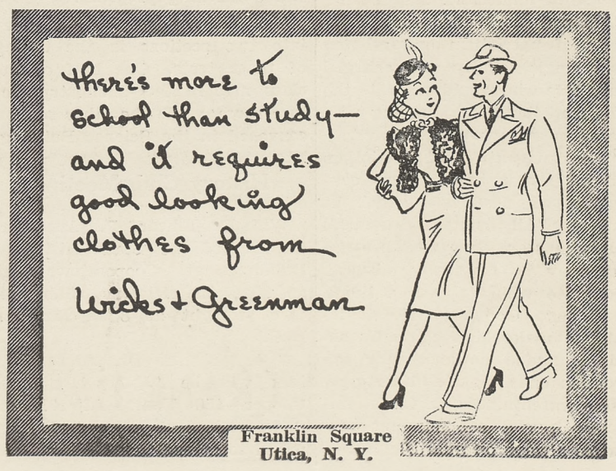

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Webermen Open Friday With Brooklyn Poly

Sport Notes

By Bob Forbush, '40

On Friday afternoon, Mox Weber's 1939-40 edition of hoopsters will make its debut in a game against Brooklyn Polytechnic Institute. Very little is known about the invaders except that they dropped their opener to Wagner College 26-23, but we must confess very little is known about our outfit. If they use all the basketball ability at their command, we'll have a good unit.

It is essential in basketball to move the ball before making a cut. The idea behind all this is to get the defense watching the ball instead of their men, thus making it possible to cut for the basket comparatively unmolested. Also the ball must be worked in and out to get good set shots. A man needs a reasonable amount of time to get set for a pop shot and he doesn't get this time with a guard hanging all over his neck. The point is that Hamilton has to move the ball before making a cut or taking a set shot, and the success of the team depends on every player's willingness to do just that. Nobody cares who makes a basket as long as it isn't the opponents, and a good pass is just as tough to make as a basket. Hamilton has no Luisetti or Chuckovitz who can shoot from any position—in short they should get a good shot before they lose the ball. You can bet we wish them every bit of luck. Let's take the first one!

This department wishes to extend wishes for speedy recovery to Bob Ulrech, University of Rochester basketball and baseball ace, who recently underwent an operation for an abdominal ailment. Bob scored 169 points last season and was one of the main reasons for Rochester's successful year. It is hoped that he will be in shape for baseball because we'd like to try and pin his ears back.

This department has just received word that Sugar Keane has turned down Andy Kerr's offer to play with the All-East team in San Francisco on New Year's Day. In as much as Matuaczak sent in his regrets, the Canny Scot finds himself in a rather tight spot.

42 Will Receive Varsity Letters

Twenty-four varsity football men and eighteen varsity soccer men will receive varsity awards at the annual awards banquet to be held sometime during the week after Christmas vacation in the Hall of Commons.

Twenty-four men of the freshmen football squad and twenty-two of the freshmen soccer squad will receive their class numerals.

The Student Council is holding a meeting tonight in the Sigma Phi House to make arrangements for the banquet.

Following is a list of the men who will receive their awards.

Football Letters

1940—Frederick Chappell, Murray Gardner, Legare Hole, Charles Keane, Stephen Remis, Reynold Salmela, Bruce Sisson, John Thomas, George Nevin, Stanley Jones, Jr., Paul Rochwell.

1941—Willard Eddy, Jr., Prentice Hatch, Jr., Norman Nelson, Hiram VanDeusen, Willis Weeden, John Williams.

1942—Paul Beardslee, Jr., Nelson Dale, Jr., Armond Hoch, Ralph Leavenworth, Jr., Arthur Naylor, Melzar Richards, Arthur Seaver, Jr.

Full Numerals—L. Miller, R. Henry, G. Pope, D. LeFevre.

James Underwood, manager for 1940. E. Bate, T. Herrick, T. Ogilvie, assistant managers and get full numerals.

Freshmen Football

Full numerals—Donovan, Capt., W. Simmonds, W. Bristol, L. Ogilby, R. Coyle, R. Bagg, P. Ogilby, R. Keenan, M. Jannon, V. Hockmeyer, H. J. Potten, R. D. Eberle, C. Rowlands, E. ,vans, J. Calder, R. Bankert, W. Schmidt, R. Fay, G. Overhiser, G. Fetter, R. Rosenblatt, G. Clute, J. Watt, J. Rankin.

Soccer Letters

1940—Wesley Sprague, Capt., Farley Fish, Stephen Kelly, George Lenci, Jr., Charles Root, Jr., Richard Geer.

1942—Edward Abbey, William McLenathan, Joseph Mangan, Clyde Moon, Albert Hooke, Ralph Berkowitz.

1942—Frederick McLean, William Doremus, Jr., Dwight Lindley, Leopold Meier, Howard Keefe, Jr., Joseph Watrous, Jr.

Full numerals—B. Bennett.

Frosh Soccer

Full numerals—H. Schambach, M. S. Shulman, J. Moore, R. M. Jones, G. C. Towe, K. G. Hodosy, C. B. Tennant, C. H. Young, J. W. Gibbon, K. S. Mackay, J. G. McLaughlin, T. Searle, W. Barnes, G. Lattin, T. J. Adams, K. Barsby, R. Colby, D. Meade, G. L. Gilmore, J. M. Walker, W. M. Humphrey, W. H. Klump.

S. O. Neil, manager for 1940. W. E. Dirolf, E. E. Potter, '40, assistant mangaers.

Interclass Soccer

Class numerals 1940—R. Hansmann, B. Heidner, W. Mark, G. Merck, W. Rogers, P. Warfield, H. B. Sanson.

1941—L. Goldbas, A. S. Kaufman, T. Karwacki, B. Gourley, G. Hayes, R. White, H. Todman.

1942—S. Hulme, C. Kendall, B. Hay, A. M. Hartig, H. Kessler, W. Collins, G. Gilmore, J. H. Freemeyer, T. Colby.

Varsity Fencing Squad Engages Rome Fencers In Informal Match

Large Frosh Squad of 40 Includes Experienced Swordsmen

Hamilton's varsity fencing team had its first taste of outside opposition when it engaged in informal free play with the Rome Fencing Club last Saturday in the temporary fencing quarters in Root Hall.

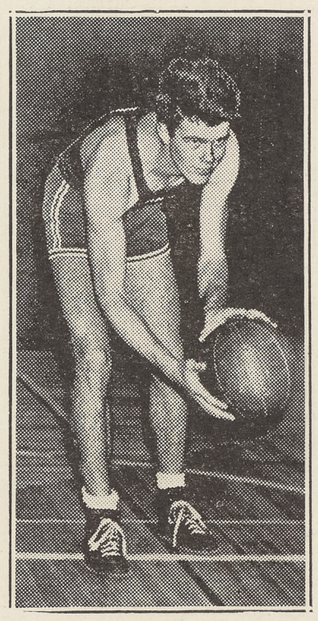
Three members of the Rome Club, and their coach, George Paumier, '33, a former student of Coach Gelas, fenced in turn with each of the Hamilton men. Each match lasted seven minutes, and then after a rest, partners were changed. There was no judging or counting of touches.

Coach Gelas has as yet made no cut of his big varsity squad of 36 men. Promising sophomores, who are expected to bolster up the squad, are William Doremus at saber, and Herbert Wieder and Edward Williford, both foilsmen.

Freshman fencing, with forty seeking team births, is just getting under way. Among the first year men, who have had previous experience, are Claude Rowlands, Robert Rosenblatt, Robert Johnson, and Otis Bigelow.

Because the faculty has not yet approved the varsity fencing schedule, no announcement can be made concerning the first intercollegiate match. This Saturday, the varsity will again play host to the Rome fencing club.

Court Veteran



William E. Davis, '40

Band to Give Concert Following Christmas

The College Band will hold one of its semi-annual concerts in the Hall of Commons shortly after the Christmas recess.

One of two concerts customarily given by the group during the year, the appearance will be the first under the direction of William Schueler, director of the Utica Band and one-time soloist with Sousa's Band.

Frederick A. Deyo, '41, trumpet, and Richard F. Griffith, '40, baritone, will take solo parts.

The concert which was originally was scheduled to be held next Monday night was postponed because of conflicting events at that time.

Game to Be Played Here Will Show Quality of Small Hill Team

The newest edition of the Hamilton College basketball squad will make its debut before the eyes of its supporters this Friday afternoon when the Continentals face the representatives of Brooklyn Polytechnic Institute on the home court. The game will begin at 5:00 p. m.

The Buff and Blue quintet will face a team Friday about which little is known. The Brooklyn outfit is a newcomer on the Hill schedule. Coach Weber has no definite report of their power but the game promises to be a good one with the Hillmen out to make their first game a victory.

The Hamilton hoopsters have been drilling for three weeks and the limited material is in good shape. On the whole, the squad is short; Davis, Keane, Williams, Henry, and Young are probable starters. The reserve material is small; Thomas has dropped out and Forbush will probably not play for some time to come due to his recent appendicitis operation.

The varsity scrimmaged the frosh last week and both outfits looked fairly good. Coach Weber is waiting until Friday night to see what his team really can do.

Sidewalk Superintendent Says . . .

Early last week plasterers took up their work on the main floor of the gym, and have now completed plastering all the rooms on that floor. The contractors expect to clean the first floor in a few days, and then begin anchoring floor sleepers into the concrete. Throughout these rooms there will be floors consisting of two layers—a softwood base and a hardwood surface.

With the completion of walls in the main entrance hall, practically all the tilework in the gym has been finished. Difficulty in obtaining tile was the main reason for the great delay which was experienced in the construction of the building during the last few months. The contractors placed their order for these tiles early in the year, but when they received the first shipment found the material to be oc color. It was necessary, therefore, to hold up many operations until the manufacturer could put another batch through the kilns.

Last Monday steelworkers started installing the staircase which will lead at the back of the building from the basement up to the roof. As is the case with all the stairways in the gym they are of steel with stone treads.

To date nearly half the cork walls have been installed in the basketball court. Preparations are being made for the installation of the wall which will separate the basketball court from the fencing room.

A feature of great interest which the new gym will include, is a thermostatic heat control system. By means of this system the temperature in any given room can be controlled entirely without any dependence on what the temperature throughout the rest of the building may be. In each room there will be an adjustable thermostat, which by means of the expansion and contraction of a compound bar, controls the flow of compressed air into the steam valves on the radiators. This flow of compressed air is furnished by a master compressor in the basement, and is delivered by a system of copper tubing which has been buried in the walls, and partitions of the gym. These regulators will also be used to operate the unit heaters whose purpose is to pump fresh air from the outside through a series of coils, and deliver it into the upper parts of the larger rooms.

We found the Powers Regulator Co. man busy taking dents out of the copper air lines. From him we learned that the gymnasium job is relatively small since most the rooms are large, and comparatively few regulating units are needed. We also found that contrary to the belief of many, the gymnasium does not include an actual air conditioning system. The unit heaters accomplish practically the same thing as the conditioning system would, but are located in the actual rooms which are conditioned. They do not purify the air.

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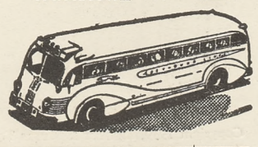

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LOUSY LOVERS—

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guy who makes a career of love. He falls in love as easily and naturally as the dawn breaks, and out again as surely and stealthily as the night falls. He is the Romantic One, the poet-dreamer, the disillusioned idealist. He comes in pastel shades that don't match, with sorrowful eyes like an old collie.

He thinks he would like to be a writer. Ergo, every time it rains he goes for a long walk.

Or maybe an artist. Ergo, he "sketches"—on restaurant tablecloths, in library books on handkerchiefs. (I've even suspected him of scribbling on fences.)

Or a composer or an inventor or a landscape gardener. Or maybe an actor. He'd just like to begin at the top, that's all.

The Romantic One recites Shakespeare in a low, thrilling voice, placing his damp little hand in yours. "I know a place where the wild thyme grows," he will whisper. It turns out to be Joe's Quick and Dirty, and it's situated in an alley where the heaviest traffic is in black cat and garbage collectors. He takes all his loves there. It seems that if you walk out during a fight, (and a fight a night is practically guaranteed by the management), you don't have to pay the bill.

Out partying in his pastels, the Romantic One constantly talks in cliches and quotations. "Live for the moment, my love," he will say, drinking his nickel beer with swagger.

"The night has a thousand eyes," he will syphon into the lady's ear when he deposits her on her paternal doorstep.

"Well, I never dreamed it had that many hands," the lady might well retort. But the Romantic One hasn't heard. He has a duck's back for shedding insults. And it's probably just as well.

In five years? Well, do you want to look him up? I don't.

I could go on . . . about the professional liberals who just like to talk . . . the would-be radicals who want to stage a quick revolution slowly . . . (the only amusing one of these I ever found was quite drunk, so from now on I'll take my pinkos stinko thank you) . . . the lads who inquire how much you pay for your clothes . . . those who say they'll call and don't . . . those who could not love thee so well loved they not liquor more . . . the lads who file detailed reports with "the fellas" after each date . . . those who come to your house to dinner and bring along six others.

And, I might add, those that are worth waiting five years for. Because such must exist . . . somewhere.

Collegiana

With Christmas vacation just around the corner, you may be wondering how to win that girl at home. With this in view, we offer you a Skidmore girl's idea of what a dream man shouldn't do, as printed in the "Skidmore News". Our only warning is not to expect the formula to work for Vassar, Smith, or Syracuse girls.

"He doesn't smoke and he never has any matches."

"He asks you for a date and you say you're busy and he says, "Well, when can you make it."

"He invites you to houseparties six months in advance just to make sure you won't be able to get out of going." (Get out of going, indeed. We haven't met a Skidmore girl yet, who tried to "get out of going", whether the party be at Yale, R. P. I., or the South Side A. C.)

He tells his fraternity brothers not to cut in on you". (Yes, Skidmorite, those dollar bills he waves behind your back are bribes to the brethren not to cut in on you.)

"He tells you how drunk he was with the boys last night."

"He critcizes your best friends."

"He thinks you're crazy about him and just playing hard to get." (And then again, sister, maybe he doesn't give a damn.)

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The girls at the State College for teachers are even more demanding in what they expect in their dream man. The "State News" reports that he must be "neat but not foppish, intelligent but not proud, athletic, understanding, poised, considerate, strong, serious, witty, easy to look at, a good dancer, peppy, and have clean fingernails. In short he must be a man, not a mouse—or a rat." (In short, baby, what you're looking for is not a man, not a mouse, not a rat, but a Eagle Scout, with a Ph.D. in sex appeal.)

MODEL LEAGUE—

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ference. Before the floor is opened to a debate on his report, Louise Morley of Bryn Mawr will take over as President of the Assembly. Both Klosson and Miss Morley were together in Geneva, Switzerland last year, studying the actual League.

This year's meeting, in view of current European conditions, is expected to surpass all past conferences, leaders said. At least 25 colleges and universities from New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania are sending delegations.

Arrangements are being made to bring to Geneva (N. Y.), both American and foreign experts on diplomatic relations to criticize the meetings. A short-wave international broadcast is unofficially being considered.

Instead of following normal League procedure, the meeting this year will be turned into a preparatory world peace conference, supposedly attended by representatives of all states whether members of the League or not. The purpose of the conference is to consider the basic principles underlying a permanent peace. No treaty will be drawn up.

Fraternity Notes

By Bob Brennan, '41

The Sigs will hold their annual Christmas party for the faculty children next Saturday night.

The Alpha Delts will give their annual Christmas play next Monday, at eight fifteen to an audience of faculty and alumni. The play this year will be Samuel Foote's "The Liar".

The Psi U.'s Christmas party will be in the form of a tea dance Saturday afternoon, followed by a buffet supper, then a dance held together with the Dekes. The Glen Lane Orchestra will play for the dancing in the evening.

The Chi Psi's are holding their annual faculty bridge tournament Thursday evening. Saturday evening the lodgemen are planning to hold a farewell dance in honor of Keith Osborne, a traveling secretary of the fraternity, who will be leaving for his home, in Portland, Ore. The Chi Psi Christmas party will be Monday night.

The Dekes will hold a Christmas dinner Saturday night before their dance with the Psi U.'s. The Dekes gave a reception after the Charlatan's presentation for the members of the cast.

The Theta Delt Christmas dinner will be Sunday afternoon. During the afternoon the freshmen will present a play.

After their dinner Sunday night, the E. L. S.'s will have a party. what kind of a party it will be is not generally known.

The Lambda Chi's will hold a pledge dance Saturday night. The freshmen under the direction of Herbert Crumb will present a play Wednesday night.

The Tekes will have their Christmas dinner Sunday noon. After dinner, freshmen players will tread the boards and later, gifts will be exchanged.

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